

Again, the home which provides the means for musical training is much better, as a rule, than the one where music is proscribed. Good books and magazines are worth more than the same amount of money at interest each year, for while we must save enough to be sure of being able to take care of ourselves, we must also see to it that the other parts of our natures, the mental and spiritual parts, receive sustenance as well. Better be in moderate circumstances all one's life, and take a trip sometimes, or buy a book, or give oneself the treat of hearing good music on occasion, than live in luxury with a mind and soul just starving for the proper food. It is not only the millionaire who serves Mammon, however, it is every man and woman to whom the getting of money is an end and not a means.

The young man who preferred to dress more cheaply than his companions and spend the money thus saved upon his library had arrived at a true standard of value.

The teacher who manages even with a small salary to spend a summer abroad has learned what kind of food is necessary for the proper maintenance of her mind and soul as well as of her body.

To set over against these, the man who spends his money for liquor and cigars may think he is buying pleasure, but, instead, he is starving his higher nature and making a king of that part which should serve.

The girl who prefers fine clothes to a course at college has failed to perceive the true relation of things. She has set her heart on the things that perish, while those which mean more abundant life, she idly passes by.

The man or woman who has a true standard of values, sees that money as a means is good, but as an end it is indeed the root of all evil.

Think you that the little maiden aunt of my acquaintance who makes a surplus of her income sufficient to

give her less pecunious nieces and nephews years at college and little trips to the city once in a while enjoys her money less than the Wall street man whose one move could sweep her small fortune out of existence? Think you that the young teacher with her first independent purse is not as happy as a king over the small gifts she is enabled to bestow upon the hardworking parents at home?

These are little things but they are the things which make life worth living.

Ruskin says, "You will find it quite indisputably true that whenever money is the principal object of life with either man or nation, it is both got ill and spent ill, and does harm in both the getting and the spending."

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## DRINK BILLS OF THE NATIONS.

The report on the administration of the Ontario Liquor License Act, just submitted to the Legislature, is an important document. The comparisons given are interesting. In 1894-95 the number of licenses was 3,873; in 1895-96, the number was 3,801; in 1896-97, the number was 3,653. In 1894-95, the amount of fines collected amounted to \$17,243.46; in 1895-96, \$16,979; in 1896-97, \$14,457.01. The list of commitments for drunkenness is much more encouraging. In 1889 the number was 4,789; in 1890, 4,573; in 1891, 3,614; in 1892, 2,736; in 1893, 2,652; in 1894, 2,274; in 1895, 2,237; in 1896, 1,907; in 1897, 1,716.

This statement of the steady progress which has been made gives force to the return prepared by the commercial department of the board of trade of Great Britain, which established that Canada is one of the most temperate nations in the world. Bavaria stands at the head of the list of beer-drinking nations, with a yearly consumption of 50 gallons per head of the